


REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on January 13, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-29 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,692,293. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejection, Applicants recognize that filing a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this rejection will facilitate the prompt issuance of a patent without any real loss of patent term or other rights for the Assignee, because the Assignee has no intention of dividing ownership in any event. Accordingly, Applicants have enclosed an Appointment of Associate Attorney and a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the Examiner's rejection. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding rejections and pass the application to issuance with claims 1-29.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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